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John Adkins, Jr.  
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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Huff Creek,  
S/043/020, Summit County, Utah

Dear Mr. Adkins:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on May 28, 1998. The application for the proposed Huff Creek Project, located in the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 13, T3N, R6E, SLBM, Summit County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

Your notice requested variances for items 10, 12 and 13 of the Operation and Reclamation Practices. These variances are for salvaging and stockpiling topsoil, preparing seedbed and reseeding the quarry area. We would expect you to use the available fines to the extent possible to create islands of vegetation within the quarry floor. Fines should be distributed at approximately 12 inches in depth over a portion of the quarry floor rather than spread evenly over the entire area. The requested variances are hereby granted for the quarry footprint. The variances do not apply to the non quarry areas, such as pads and roads.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

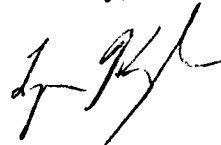
Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

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A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. When Division staff are in the area we will again examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you in your mining ventures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Kunzler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynn Kunzler  
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure  
cc: Kiran Bhayani, DWQ w/NOI  
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Bons Obiadi, Summit County Planner  
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